

approximately 42 percent. So there has been an increase in the caseload. And the problem that Senator Hoagland is discussing, that exists in Douglas County, just doesn't bear out when you look at the figures. Maybe there is some areas that have dropped. Probate has dropped. But overall there has been a 42 percent increase in the amount of caseload. Whether, in fact, there would be a decrease in a county court judge in the Douglas County area is a debatable question at this time, as it will be in the future if this bill would become law. Now, it is my belief that this wasn't good legislation and that is why Governor Kerrey vetoed the bill. I urge the body to reject Senator Hoagland's motion to override Kerrey's veto. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: We have even, one for and one against. I guess I'll...there are many, many lights on. So I will present the question to you. Shall...do I see five hands? I do. Shall the debate close? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Senator Hoagland, you may close.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Barrett and Senator Baack will close, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Governor Kerrey has vetoed LB 516 with, as Senator Hoagland has suggested, a very short veto message. Governor Kerrey apparently likes the general goal of LB 516, but, I quote, he is not comfortable with the structure created in the bill. And that, in essence, is the veto message. LB 516, when it was originally drafted, was, in my opinion, a very poor bill. It has had a torturous path across the legislative board. It has been amended considerably, to the point where it is now, in my opinion, an excellent piece of legislation. The structure created in the bill is that the judicial resources commission will now be able to take some action. The formula tracks the existing statutes. The concept has worked in the area of nominating judges. I think it is going to work beautifully in